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SUBJECT: MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT

1. COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRY DAVIGNON TOLD ME MAY 4 THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING MAY 3 MADE DECISIVE BREAKTHROUGH ON MFA QUESTION. FRENCH, WHO WERE LAST HOLD-OUT, ARE CLEARLY IN PROCESS OF COMING ON BOARD BUT HAD INDICATED DESIRE TO SETTLE MATTERS WITH WRITTEN PROCEDURE RATHER THAN FURTHER DEBATE IN COUNCIL. COMMISSION EXPERTS ARE GOING TO PARIS TO WORK WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS TO PREPARE FOR FRENCH CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20, AT WHICH TIME DAVIGNON EXPECTS BARRE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NECESSARY DECISION.

2. DAVIGNON REITERATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO EFFECT THAT AS SOON AS COUNCIL ACTION IS COMPLETED, HE WILL WISH DISCUSS DETAILS WITH US TO END THAT US BE HELPFUL WHEN COMMUNITY MAKES UNILATERAL STATEMENTS AT GENEVA.
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HE DID NOT EXPECT OUR SUPPORT BUT HE WOULD HOPE FOR OUR SILENCE. I REPLIED THAT HE COULD COUNT ON OUR GOOD WILL BUT THAT UNTIL WE SAW THE TEXTS OF THE COMMUNITY'S PROPOSED DECLARATIONS, WE COULD NOT MAKE A JUDGMENT. HE MUTTERED -- UNUSUAL FOR HIM -- SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT THREE PRINCIPLE POINTS WOULD BE RENEWAL WITHOUT AMENDMENT, ZERO GROWTH FOR THE STRONGER LDC TEXTILE EXPORTERS, AND SHARING

FUTURE GROWTH WITH THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE DESCRIBED THIS, IF I GOT IT RIGHT, AS BEING APPLICATION BY THE COMMUNITY IN ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS OF WHAT THE US HAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH ITS BILATERALS.

3. THIS GLIMPSE IS TROUBLESOME IN SOME RESPECTS BUT CLEARLY WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF THE INTERNAL COMMUNITY SEARCH FOR A MANDATE. IF THEY GO TOO FAR, WE CAN COUNT ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OTHERS TO FIGHT BACK. MOREOVER, AFTER THEY HAVE A MANDATE, WE CAN ASSESS HOW WE SHOULD PLAY OUR CARDS. FOR NOW, FIRST THINGS FIRST.
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